IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Applicant(s): Guess, et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2009, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.